

## MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BISBEE, COUNTY OF COCHISE, AND STATE OF ARIZONA, HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016, AT 7:00 PM IN THE BISBEE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 118 ARIZONA STREET, BISBEE, ARIZONA.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OERTLE AT 7:01PM.

### ROLL CALL

#### **COUNCIL**

Councilmember Eugene Conners, Ward I  
Councilmember Joan Hansen, Ward II  
Councilmember Shirley Doughty, Ward III  
Mayor Ronald Oertle  
Councilmember Anna Cline, Ward III, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Councilmember Douglas Dunn, Ward II  
Councilmember Serena Sullivan, Ward I

#### **STAFF**

Richard J. Marsh Jr., City Manager  
Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk  
Keri Bagley, Interim Finance Director  
Andy Haratyk, Public Works Director  
Albert Echave, Police Chief  
Marc Burneleit, Fire Chief

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

Lauri Owen

INVOCATION: Mayor Oertle introduced Mrs. Teri Nuti who gave the invocation.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### MAYOR'S PROCLAMATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Councilmember Cline spoke regarding Chief Jim Elkins and thanked everyone who participated in his funeral services.

### CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Peter VonGundlach, Bisbee resident said that last weekend he went up to the pool on request of Tom Kobal and Mike Teran. He thanked them both for their hard work. He then suggested that the City request an audit from the state since things have settled down.
- Teri Nuti, Bisbee resident thanked the city for the movies in the park. She hoped that it continued. She also spoke on the meet with the city manager and hoped that it would continue.
- Bill Higgins, Bisbee resident thanked Gene Conners for his years of service.
- Donna Pulling, Bisbee resident said she was shocked by Mr. Marsh's actions in the first few weeks of his employment. She said that two (2) people who had spoken on his behalf have now changed their minds. She suggested that council request that the city manager be fired during his probation. She requested that her petition be addressed within the next three (3) council meeting.
- Maggie Kohanek, Bisbee resident spoke regarding the fluoride in the water and she stated the effects of it being used. She requested it be placed on the agenda.

- Andrew Laws, Bisbee resident supported Maggie Kohanek and her efforts. He spoke also regarding fluoride use and its effects.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED, CONSIDERED AND/OR DECIDED UPON AT THIS MEETING:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Subject to availability of funds.

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$178,393.97.

SECOND: Councilmember Doughty

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

2. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Session of Mayor and Council held on September 6, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

- B. Approval of the Appointment of Todd Conklin to the Evergreen Cemetery Committee.

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

- C. Approval of the Resignation of Snooky Borowiec from the Evergreen Cemetery Committee.

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

- D. Approval of a Park, Facility, and Right-of-Way Use Permit for the Use of City Park to Host for the Second Time the Sabado Cultural Festival on Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM.

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

- E. Approval of a Special Event Liquor License Application Submitted by the Central School Project for an Event to be held at 43 Howell Avenue, Bisbee, AZ on Friday, October 14, 2016 and Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 7:00PM to 10:00PM; Laurie M. Mckenna, Applicant.

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

- F. Approval of a Fair/Festival Liquor License Application Submitted by Sonoita Vineyards LTD for an Event to be held at City Park on Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM, Lori Marie Reynolds, Applicant

Ashlee Coronado, City Clerk

MOTION: Councilmember Cline moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 2A-2F.

SECOND: Councilmember Hansen

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Connors, Hansen, Doughty, Cline, Dunn, Sullivan and Mayor Oertle

NAYS: 0

MOTION PASSED: AYES -7; NAYS -0

OLD BUSINESS

**NEW BUSINESS**

3. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Related to Medical Transport Services between Copper Queen Community Hospital, Arizona Ambulance and The City of Bisbee.

Richard Marsh, City Manager  
Marc Burneleit, Fire Chief

Mr. Marsh explained that these discussions began thirty (30) days ago. He said Mr. Dickson set the tone during these discussions. He said that Mr. Dickson knew the reduction in transports would be detrimental to the City. He discussed the eight (8) major deal points in the agreement. He also discussed the checks and balances within the agreement.

Mayor Oertle asked if after the first year the agreement without objection would it renew. Chief Burneleit said that was correct.

Councilmember Sullivan asked for an explanation on how Arizona Ambulance would dispatch all inter-facility transports. Chief Burneleit explained what each entity had invested. He then explained how Arizona Ambulance would dispatch the transfers.

Councilmember Hansen asked since the time for life saving measures was important when would that time start when you get the call or when it goes to Arizona Ambulance. Chief Burneleit said that the time starts when the decision was made for the patient to be transported from the hospital.

Councilmember Cline said she was very pleased to see us working things out with Copper Queen. She asked who the arbitrator would be. Chief Burneleit said that all three (3) parties had agreed to appoint Jon Trachta of Tucson, Arizona to serve as the arbitrator under this agreement. Councilmember Cline also asked regarding item number six (6) Lack of Confirmation in the contract. Who were the third (3) party agencies that would respond? Chief Burneleit said that at this point in time there had not been designated.

Councilmember Dunn asked for explanation on the ALS/ CCT ground and CCT Air transports. Chief Burneleit explained regarding what each of them required and meant. Councilmember Dunn also asked for clarification on the rotation. Chief Burneleit explained the rotation of the calls dispatched. Councilmember Dunn asked about quarterly meetings. Chief Burneleit said there would be a ninety (90) day review and that would be continued throughout the duration of the agreement.

Councilmember Cline said she was proud of the level of care provided by our fire department.

Councilmember Sullivan asked where this would leave us with Palominas fire. Chief Burneleit said that the Intergovernmental Agreement was still ongoing. We have automatic aid with them for fire coverage also.

Councilmember Hansen thanked all three (3) for getting on this issue. It will benefit the citizens a win/win situation.

Councilmember Cline said that Councilmember Hansen was correct it was a win/win for everyone. She asked with the \$100,000.00 from Copper Queen how soon can we order an ambulance. Chief Burneleit stated that as soon as we get this signed and passed. We have one hundred and twenty (120) days and it takes about ninety (90) days to build an ambulance. It was a priority that we would like to get going on.

Councilmember Sullivan thanked Mr. Dickson for his generosity in the deal with negotiating and helping to heal the matters with the City of Bisbee it had been a long time coming. It was really great we can do such a better job if we work together.

Mr. Dickson, CEO Copper Queen Community Hospital said this was a very hard negotiation. We have great people here with Mr. Marsh and the Chief. The fire department has been providing a great level of service. He also said that the hospital had offered to build an exercise park for the city. He's glad the animosity was gone it was about time.

Councilmember Hansen commented to Mr. Dickson that she had wanted to get the exercise park started. She said that she had been working with Andy and we had run into some problems on our end.

Mayor Oertle stated that he was very pleased with this MOU and speaking on behalf of the community wanted to extend his appreciation and a thank you to Mr. Dickson, the Copper Queen Hospital Board, Arizona Ambulance, City Manager Mr. Marsh and Fire Chief Burneleit. This was truly a step in the community coming together to benefit everyone concerned.

MOTION: Councilmember Doughty moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding related to medical transport services between Copper Queen Community Hospital, Arizona Ambulance and the City of Bisbee.

SECOND: Councilmember Hansen

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Base Hospital Agreement between Tucson Medical Center and Bisbee Fire Department.

Marc Burneleit, Fire Chief

Chief Burneleit thanked council for passing the MOU. One of the deals made in the MOU that was just passed was that we change the base hospital from Canyon Vista Medical Center to Tucson Medical Center. We have enjoyed a great relationship with Canyon Vista for over eighteen (18) years and they have provided superior medical direction to the Bisbee Fire Department. They expect to have no less of a good relationship with TMC and they will also provide excellent medical control. The agreement was the basic agreement and has been reviewed by our attorney.

Councilmember Doughty asked why so far away for a base hospital. Chief Burneleit said that the distance really have a whole lot to do with it. The Copper Queen with their generous offer with replacing our expired medications really takes the distance factor out of it. We won't have to make any special trips to Tucson to replace those. We will not lose any of our higher level skills. He also explained about the continuing education that will be provided.

Councilmember Cline asked if we were still on good terms with Canyon Vista. Chief Burneleit stated absolutely. She also asked if the continuing education would be provided to our guys at no cost. Chief Burneleit stated that was correct. She asked if we would be going to Tucson for the training or will they come down here. Chief Burneleit in detail explained regarding the continuing education that will be provided.

Councilmember Cline went on to ask if this would affect our transfers to Sierra Vista. Chief Burneleit stated that there was a patient bill of rights the patient gets to participate in their care. The hospital was very good about pointing out to the patient what was available and that it didn't have anything to do with inter-facility transfers.

Mr. Dickson said that the growth of the hospital has been huge they are up about 125% of where they were. It was more reasonable to use Tucson Medical Center because when you have a disaster the big hospitals are there. He stated that they were in competition with Sierra Vista.

MOTION: Councilmember Sullivan moved to approve the Base Hospital Agreement between Tucson Medical Center and Bisbee Fire Department.

SECOND: Councilmember Dunn

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

5. City Manager's Report:

- Mr. Marsh thanked everyone for coming out to the Chat with the City Manager and let everyone know that the next Chat with the City Manager will be on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-10:00am.
- Mr. Marsh recognized Nina Williams, Deputy City Clerk on her outstanding designation that she received as a Certified Municipal Clerk.
- Mr. Marsh thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve and the citizens for continuing to engage us and the outstanding leadership team and staff in helping moving Bisbee forward.
- Other current events (No Discussion)

COUNCIL COMMENTS OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEM SUGGESTIONS: (Council members may suggest topics for future meeting agendas, but Council will not here discuss, deliberate or take any action on these topics.):

- Councilmember Hansen commented that the paving had continued and she believed that San Jose was completed tomorrow. She mentioned that there would be a Streets and Infrastructure Committee meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at 6pm. She recognized Raul Hidalgo for his service he has given to the city and Mike Teran who passed his Grade III Wastewater Plant Operations and he is now the operator of record for the City of Bisbee.

MOTION: Councilmember Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Councilmember Cline

MOTION PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 PM

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Ronald Oertle, Mayor